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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 20231

Response to Office Action

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004. The Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

Amendment

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this Amendment.